

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, February 3 **SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS**
 9:00 a.m.
 (Church) +Doris Mihalko
 Req. by Johnson Matthey Material Central
 Dept.



Monday, February 4 **Isidore (Venerable)**
 8:00 a.m.
 (Church) For the Parish Family

Tuesday, February 5 **Agatha (Martyr)**
 8:00 a.m.
 (Church) +Ethyl Kenes, Req. by Kathryn Zorichak

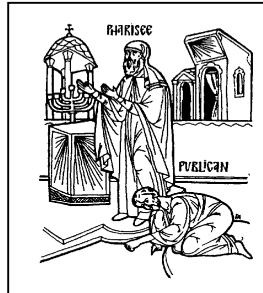
Wednesday, February 6 **Bucolus (Bishop)**
 No Liturgy



Thursday, February 7 **Parthenius (Bishop)**
 8:00 a.m.
 (Church) +Margaret Larko
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Friday, February 8 **Theodore (Great - Martyr)** (Simple Abstinence)
 7:30 a.m.
 (Church) +Mary Rush
 Req. by Pam Rossini, Ed Jacobs, Seth McElroy

Saturday, February 9 **Nicephor (Martyr)**
 5:30 p.m.
 (Church) For the Parish Family



Sunday, February 10 **SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE**
 9:00 a.m.
 (Church) +Joseph and Anna Dursa
 Req. by Daughter Anna Marie Kurilla & Family

PRAYER LIST – Janet, George Jr., Diana, Emil, Margie, Curtis, Stephanie, James, Fr. Eugene, Troy, Traci, Trevor, Tanner, Kylie, Frances, George, Fred, Ian, Jim, Chris, Linda, Mary, Marianne, Joe, Emily, Gabriel, Gina, Karla. Brittany, Danny, Brian, Kristen, Nancy, Elaine, Kris, Michael, Ken, Dave, Dewayne, Wally, Charlene, Sr. Joretta, Ted, Rita, Bernard, Midge, David, Patty, Barb, Dave, Tillie, Grace, Frances, Josephine, Clara, Brandon, Bernadette, Peggy, Louis, Norma Jean, Mark, Trish, Mary, Helen, Janet, Georgia, Dorothy, Alice, Beatrice, Theresa, Cathy, Janet, Amelia, Butch, Michael, Monica, Jack, Kay, Bill, Arlene, PJ, Nadine, Cindy, Joan, Robert, Audrey, Blake, Connor, Sandy, Sharlene, Seth, Doris, Jeff, Will, Cecelia, Kris, Debbie, Paul, Audrey, Dorothy, George, Hannah, Michelle, Rita, Jennifer, Angie, Ashley, Eddy, Dave, Barb, Patty, Bill, Bob, Tom, Thomas, Irma, Wilma, Ambrose, Ann, Lauren, Joyce, Tanya, Pam, Melanie, Mason, Jean, Melvin, JoAnne, Amy, Fr. Bob, Mark, Rita, Kenny, Chuck, Matthew, Marianne.

PRO-LIFE PRAYER - For the conversion of those who mock the beliefs of people who work to preserve the right to life, we pray.

ADVISORY BOARD – will meet on Tuesday, February 5, at 6:00 p.m. in the school.

TODAY - “SOUPER BOWL” WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 2 AND 3 - several ECF students will be accepting monetary donations following both Divine Liturgies. Monies collected will be donated to the St. Vincent DePaul Food Bank.

PYSANKY CLASSES – We will once again be having Pysanky classes during Lent. The class will begin on Monday, February 25 and run through April 9. It will be held in the school hall and class time is 6-8 p.m. The cost will be approximately \$35.00; if returning, the cost is \$15.00. If interested, call 724-438-6027 (Church office – leave message) M-F from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

BLESSING OF HOMES - If you would like to have your home blessed by Fr. Ron this year after the Feast of Theophany, please call the office to set up a day and time for the blessing.

OUR PARISH FAMILY EXTENDS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY – to sister Mary Jane Kundly and the Noschese and Kundly families on the loss of Lucille H. (Kundly) Noschese. May the Lord grant her repose among the Saints and may He console those whom she left behind.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR 1/27/19

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Candles</u>	<u>Holy Day</u>	<u>Pirohi</u>	<u>BCW</u>	<u>Loose Cash</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
\$1855.00	\$107.00	\$15.00	\$1643.25	\$112.00	\$10.00	\$3742.25

THE SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS

The first week of the time for preparing for Lent gives the first chapter of what God wants us to know about himself before we begin our observance of Lent. The beautiful thing about this story is that Jesus goes looking for Zacchaeus. It says at the beginning that he intended to pass right through Jericho, but he saw one who was lost and he sought to bring him back. Jesus did not even react to the good things which Zacchaeus did after he met Jesus. Salvation came looking for him. Jesus had a vision of a Zacchaeus who was much better than the one the real Zacchaeus knew. When Jesus shared that vision with him, Zacchaeus begins to live by that vision. God, then, is the one who seeks out those who are lost and restores them. God deals with us as if we are always faithful to him, believing in us more than we believe in ourselves, trusting that one day we will all live up to the expectations he has for us. God does not hate us as the people of Jericho probably hated Zacchaeus, he loves us with love beyond all telling. (from Catechetical Resources Office, Eparchy of Passaic)

HE ALSO IS A SON OF ABRAHAM;

FOR THE SON OF MAN HAS COME TO SEEK AND TO SAVE THAT WHICH WAS LOST

We Gentiles, through Christ, are also 'sons of Abraham' (cf. Gal. 3:7-9). Like Zacchaeus and the publicans, we have extorted, gouged the land, borrowed against our progeny, and accumulated gains falsely for our own ends. Like Zacchaeus, we need to raise ourselves above the passions and jostling of the masses and reach out to invite Christ. We have turned away from God. We are all lost. But our Savior still seeks us. He is inviting Himself today to our house, though we be sinners. Let us give of ourselves to the needy - to Christ. Atheistic governments have prevented us. Yet under governments of freedom we have prevented ourselves by indolence, and by the delusions of busy worldly pursuits. Let us rejoice and welcome Him with open arms and make recompense for our sins. The Bible and the Holy Fathers For Orthodox, Editor, Johanna Manley.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT EDUCATION COURSES – Father Ron has two new, interesting courses coming up: Holy Tradition will start on February 11 and extend for six weeks; The Gospel of St. Matthew will start on February 14 and extend through April 4. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Please note the change of date for the Gospel of St. Matthew course, from Tuesday to Thursday.

GOSPELS AND HOMILIES ON YOUTUBE - Beginning next week, the Sunday of Zacchaeus, the Gospels and Homilies leading up to the Great Fast will be put on video and uploaded to YouTube for both St. John and St. Stephen. Please refresh yourself about the importance of the Great Fast and how Jesus directs us to the Great Fast by watching the videos on any computer or smart phone.